

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 18, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1667

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1667 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for a grant-in-aid to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu for its career criminal prosecution unit.

The Department of the Attorney General; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; and the County of Hawai'i Office of the Prosecuting Attorney testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee finds that the Career Criminals Prosecution Program was created in response to a disproportionate number of serious crimes being committed by a relatively small number of multiple and repeat felony offenders, commonly known as career criminals. By their nature, career criminal prosecution cases are often labor intensive and require experienced and well-trained prosecutors. Your Committee further finds that money spent on this unit is an efficient use of resources, as it reduces heavy caseloads and long court delays, thereby providing citizens with swift and effective justice.



Should the Committee on Finance deliberate further on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests inserting an appropriation amount of \$492,125.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1667 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



